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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN ON CURRENT RELATIONS

1. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER CHAVAN BRIEFLY DISCUSSED INDIA'S RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, BANGLADESH AND SOME OTHER COUNTRIES DURING A PRESS CLUB OF INDIA LUNCHEON IN NEW DELHI FEBRUARY 3. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS HE SAID THE FOLLOWING:

2. INDO-U.S.RELATIONS -- INDIA BELIEVES IN MAKING CONTINUING AND CONSTAND EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. SOMETIMES "THERE ARE SOME STRAINS". THE INDO-U.S. S AND T SUBCOMMISSION AND THE JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL WERE MEETING AND SOME POSITIVE RESULTS WERE EXPECTED.

3. BANGLADESH -- "UNFORTUNATELY THERE WAS A TENDENCY ON THE PART OF SOME COUNTRIES TO CREATE MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH." THERE WAS ALSO "SOME UNCLASSIFIED

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SORT OF A CAMPAIGN OF ANTI-INDIA PROPAGANDA" GOING ON

IN BANGLADESH. WHEN THERE IS AN INCIDENT ON THE BORDER, "SOMEBODY SEES INDIA'S HAND IN IT." INDIA IS "SOLELY INTERESTED IN BANGLADESH'S STABILITY" (WHICH "IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US") AND "WE CERTAINLY LIKE TO HELP BANGLADESH". THE RECENT MEETING BETWEEN TRADE DELEGATIONS HAD LED TO A POSITIVE CONCLUSION TO INCREASE AND DIVERSIFY TRADE.

4. PAKISTAN -- INDIA IS MAKING ALL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BUT UNFORTUNATELY " WE ARE NOT GETTING THE SAME RESPONSE". THE PAKISTANI RESPONSE IS "HALTING", AND THEIR PROPAGANDA CREATED PROBLEMS, BUT INDIA WILL PERSEVERE.

5. NEPAL -- HIS RECENT VISIT TO NEPAL WAS "USEFUL AND FRIENDLY". THERE WAS "CERTAINLY A MOVE FORWARD" IN IMPROVING RELATIONS.

6. CHINA -- INDIA BELIEVED IN THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS "WITH OUR IMPORTANT NEIGHBOR CHINA", INDIA'S EFFORTS WOULD CONTINUE, AND "WE WILL OR SHOULD SUCCEED."

7. NON-ALIGNMENT -- THERE IS A TENDENCY ABROAD TO TREAT NON-ALIGNMENT AS A FORCE MADE OBSOLETE WITH THE CONCLUSION OF THE COLD WAR. THERE WERE ALSO SUGGESTIONS THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-ALIGNMENT SHOULD BE "DILUTED." BUT IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY THAT MILITARY PACTS HAD BECOME IRRELEVANT BECAUSE "SOME COUNTRIES HAVE STARTED SHOWING THEIR TEETH". MOREOVER THERE IS A NEED FOR PRESERVING THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA ON WHICH NON-ALIGNMENT IS BASED. INDIA WILL CONTINUE ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE MOVEMENT AS AN EQUAL AMONG MANY, AND BELIEVES THE FORTHCOMING COLOMBO SUMMIT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE.SAXBE

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